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Applicants : Chad J. Kugler et al.

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FOR : USE OF MAGNETIC IMPLANTS TO TREAT

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Group Art Unit : 3735

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed September 11, 2006, applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Reply.

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